

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: April 6, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: MURDER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Malley
- 1 - Mr. McGowan
- 1 - Mr. Martindale
- 1 - Mr. McDonough
- 1 - Mr. Long
- 1 - Mr. Bishop
- 1 - Mr. Conrad
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan

Tolson ✓
DeLoach ✓
Mohr ✓
Bishop ✓
Casper ✓
Callahan ✓
Conrad ✓
Felt ✓
Gale ✓
Rosen ✓
Sullivan ✓
Tavel ✓
Trotter ✓
Tele. Room ✓
Holmes ✓
Gandy ✓

There is attached a letterhead memorandum for the President, the Attorney General, the Deputy Attorney General and the Civil Rights Division setting forth information developed to date. It is pointed out in the memorandum that Laboratory examination of the bullet removed from King has established that the bullet could have been fired from the rifle found near the scene, however, due to mutilation it cannot be stated that it was actually fired from this one rifle; investigation has determined that the rifle was obtained in the Birmingham area on 3/30/68 by an individual giving the name of Harvey Lowmeyer; and that the binoculars found in the zipper bag were purchased in Memphis, Tennessee, on the afternoon of 4/4/68.

The following details do not appear in the letterhead memorandum:

The individual using Room 5B at the flophouse had given the name of John Willard. Investigation has eliminated John Hubeart Willard, [REDACTED] as being the individual who was at the flophouse inasmuch as his whereabouts have been accounted for during the pertinent period.

A check of all airlines, motels and hotels in the Birmingham area has determined that an individual using the name of W. J. Lehmeyer made telephonic reservation at Southern Airlines, Birmingham, for travel on 3/27/68 from Birmingham to Minneapolis, Minnesota. Lehmeyer never appeared for flight and gave places of contact as Parliament House and Airport Motels, Birmingham. Investigation failed to locate Lehmeyer as guest. Records of Delta Airlines indicate that on 3/27/68 W. J. Lehmeyer purchased ticket for flight from Birmingham

Enclosure at 4-8-68

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enroute to Memphis then leaving Memphis enroute to Chicago and thereafter space on Northwest Airline from Chicago to Minneapolis, Minnesota. Airline personnel at Birmingham unable to say if Lehmeyer traveled to Minneapolis, but can state this individual did pass through gate for flight to Memphis. This matter being thoroughly checked out.

ACTION:

1. Attached is a letterhead memorandum for the White House, the Attorney General, the Deputy Attorney General and the Civil Rights Division.

2. All-out investigation is continuing on a top priority basis.

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